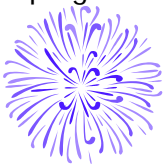




“Sing America!”

In 1997 as Girl Scouts prepared to celebrate their 85th Anniversary, the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital partnered with the Music Educators National Conference to develop and implement a patch program to reinforce the value of singing and music in the lives of Americans and in Girl Scouting. As we now prepare to celebrate the 95th Anniversary of Girl Scouts with another sing along on the National Mall on June 9, 2007, this patch program still offers girls an exciting opportunity to show that we are “Still Singing After All These Years!”



To earn the patch, girls should participate in singing and music-related activities on a level that is appropriate to their age and skill. Activities should be fun and foster creativity, team building, leadership skills and civic participation.

- ♪ **Daisy** Girl Scouts may receive the patch for **participating** in a music program or event.
- ♪ **Brownie** Girl Scouts should complete **five** activities, including **two that are starred**.
- ♪ **Junior** Girl Scouts should complete **six** activities, including **three that are starred**.
- ♪ **Cadette & Senior** Girl Scouts should complete **seven** activities, including **three that are starred**.

Activities:

- ♪ * Learn five new songs and sing them with your troop. Hold a traditional sing-along at a camp-out or other event.
- ♪ * Learn a song from four different cultures. Talk about different kinds of songs and their uses. Learn who sings them and when they are sung.
- ♪ * Incorporate your favorite songs into Girl Scout ceremonies, i.e. Bridging, Girl Scouts' Own, Court of Awards or year-end ceremonies.
- ♪ * Research your town's "musical history." Learn who sings in your community. Learn about performing groups. When did they start? How did they start? Who are the members? Encourage your troop, friends, and family members to attend a concert with you. Create a "history book" that you can present to your town's mayor or the library.



OR

Interview someone in your community who sings. Ask them if they will visit your troop to teach you about songs and singing.

- ♪ Participate in your school or community choir or in a singing program at your house of worship. If you don't read music, learn how to follow it.

- ♪ Learn how vocal parts are divided – soprano, tenor, alto, and bass – and how they create harmony. Involve parents or community groups to practice five songs in harmony. Compare the sounds.
- ♪ Research a song and learn about its composer. Share what you learn with your troop by playing or singing a song or dramatizing its theme or the composer's life.

♪ Once your troop has learned to sing together, do one of the following:

- Teach a younger troop in your area some of the songs you know.
- OR**
- Visit a nursing home and teach the residents some songs you have learned



- OR**
- Go to day care centers and teach pre-school children easy, fun songs

- OR**
- Lead a community sing-along. Invite family and friends, other troops, and the community. Invite your local newspaper or TV station to report on the event.

♪ Choreograph a song you have learned, either as a dance or act it out to music.

♪ For one or more of the songs you've learned, create costumes or musical instruments that are appropriate to the historical period when the song is written.

♪ Make up a different arrangement of a song you have learned, or make up new verses to it. Make up your own troop song. If you can, write music and words down and divide it into vocal parts.



♪ Plan a celebration for a special Girl Scout day, with special music or concert.

♪ Attend a concert of vocal music. Think about how the program flows and how that makes the program interesting. Become a "music critic." Write your own review of the concert to share with your troop.

♪ Investigate various careers for people who work in the music industry, i.e. music teachers, music therapists, composers, band or orchestra musicians. Share your findings with your troop. Invite a person with a music career to talk to your troop and tell you how and why they chose their career. Learn what they enjoy the most.

Patches cost \$1.50 and may be ordered from:

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 800-523-7898**

